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SUBJECT: DECLINE OF IRAQI IMPORTS FROM THE EAST

REF: (A) BAGHDAD 400; (B) BAGHDAD 503

1. IT IS APPARENT FROM EXCELLENT DETAILED STATISTICS
CITED IN JOHN PARKER'S RECENT ARTICLE ON IRAQ'S
AGRICULTURAL TRADE WITH THE WORLD IN USDA PUBLICATION
FOREIGN AGRICULTURE FOR APRIL 14, 1975 (REF B) THAT
1974 DATA NO AVAILABLE IN WASHINGTON ARE FAR
SUPERIOR TO ANY IN BAGHDAD (WHERE OFFICIAL IMPORT
STATISTICS CARRY ONLY THROUGH JUNE 1974).

2. IN RECENT SERIES OF CABLES (E.G. REF A) DESCRIBING
AND FORECASTING MARKET SHARES IN IRAQ, USINT HAS
MENTIONED GROWING BUT LARGELY UNDOCUMENTED CONVICTION
THAT MOST OF IRAQ'S RECENT INCREASES IN OIL EARNINGS
HAVE BEEN SPENT IN THE WEST (INCLUDING JAPAN) RATHER
THAN IN EASTERN EUROPE AND COMMUNIST EAST ASIA.

3. IF THIS HYPOTHESIS HAS BEEN TESTED IN RECENT
RESEARCH PAPERS PRODUCED BY OR KNOWN TO ANY WASHINGTON
AGENCIES, USINT WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING A COPY.
IF IT HAS NOT, WE RECOMMEND IT AS WORTHY OF STUDY.
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